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Berri Leslie
Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Brown

Dear Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Brown,
As the world examines not only the achievements but the down fall of the crisis at hand we Oregonians are becoming puzzled. Especially those who work for franchises. I do not mean to exclude those who do not, I personally work for one and this company does not aid in FLMA, health insurance, or job security during this or any other time (due to the lack of employees). An employee was let go before her two week notice was up due to not being able to sustain pay for her and she is a college student. Now I, being pregnant after being told it wouldn't happen, and others who support their parent (high school students) are extremely worried as to how we are going to pay utilities and rent/mortgage due to hours being cut for lack of business and/or losing our jobs due to lack of business. Many homes including mine are a one income based home and struggle to keep afloat before the world crisis. Is there anything we can do in our rights to put a halt to these bills or reduce these bills to help everyone? I know landlords are also hurting from the happenings in our world but they must know their tenants are hurting as well.

I am also worried about the education of our students in Oregon. As from previous relationships I have two children, one who needs to continue education or he becomes lost due to him having a learning disability. My husband and I'm sure many other parents would be happy to home school if learning material could be provided at a discounted cost or sent from teachers through ParentVUE, as most school do use this now.

As for the lack of essentials, here are quite a few businesses that are closing down that on a normal basis hold many people. We should reach out to those businesses for help on items Oregon is not getting enough of. Even if it is paper towels, that can be made into baby wipes for children, toilet paper, or extra cleaning supplies to clean highly risked areas. Not only will this help those in need but it could also keep some people employed from the closing businesses working some hours and having an income.

I know Oregon has disaster relief grants, I'm not sure of the full extent of those to help Oregon as a state. I hate to suggest but we do have the National Guard Emergency funding as well. As this may not constitute under the proper use of this funding but People living in Oregon have donated and now as a state we need help. Being between two states that have a high infection rate I believe we need to start preparing for the worst to come.

Thank you,
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